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brother, he got involved with a little too much tequila and he go take a siesta on the railroad track and when the train came, he don't hear the "weasel", and I wonder if you are going to protect a man killer.

SENATOR SYAS: That's pretty good, Senator Murphy, you are one of the best in this Legislature on that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I rise to ask a question of Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: I hope the question improves from the last one.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Syas, would you please explain to me just in lay language what is eco-system or eco-system or eco-ystem.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, of course, all I can tell you about that, I am not an expert on the ecology but it comes from that word, of course, and, of course, that's the part of the ecology that affects all plants and animals. They are all relative to each other in some respects--in all respects. Plants live off of-- I mean animals sometime live off of plants. Then you have your meat eaters that'll live off of other animals. You have your insects that live off of plants and sometimes off of people or animals. That's all in our world of environment and ecology. That's the best I can explain it but I'm no expert on ecology. I wish I were.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: A question of Senator Syas, please, Mr. President.

SENATOR SYAS: You guys are going to wear me out.

SENATOR DICKINSON: That's the idea, George. Two questions, can you define "wild fauna and flora" and determine the--

SENATOR SYAS: Well, one's animals and one's plants.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Pardon.

SENATOR SYAS: One's animals and plants, isn't it?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I don't know. I am asking. Senator Syas, what statutory authority--can you be specific about the statutory authority granted the Game Commission to prevent the extinction of wild fauna and flora.

SENATOR SYAS: I didn't quite get you.

SENATOR DICKINSON: What specific statutory authority does this bill grant the game commission to prevent the extinction of the words I just mentioned, whatever they are.

SENATOR SYAS: This bill itself is for that purpose and if, as I say, the Game Commission can step in with their decision if they think it is endangered and investigate it and look it over and if it is, they can do it. Otherwise, the federal government just steps in and does it and then also the Game Commission can--has authority under this act to--you might say the federal government trying to do one thing and this